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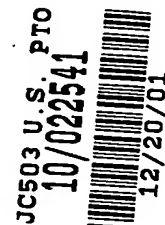
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Sir:

In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the documents are made of record on the enclosed sheet.

A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that these references were cited whose benefit is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120, in the corresponding parent application Serial No. 09/585,269, filed June 2, 2000.

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